A New Chinese Incarvillea

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Incarvillea Forrestii Fletcher; ab affini *I. altissima* G. Forrest foliis simplicibus floribusque paucioribus recedit.

Planta glaberrima 15-60 cm. alta. Caulis bene foliatus. Folia alterna, chartacea, late ovata vel elliptica, apice rotundata, basi cuneata vel plus minusve rotundata, 6-20 cm. longa, 4-74 cm. lata, costa utrinque prominula supra pubescente, nervis lateralibus 7-9 paribus prominulis parallelis, margine crenata, petiolo 3-15 cm. longo supra canaliculato pubescente suffulta. Racemi laxi terminales 6-12-flori; bracteae 5-12 mm. longae; pedicelli 5-10 mm. longi. Calyx campanulatus quinque-costatus, 2-2.5 cm. longus; jobi 7-10 mm. lati, 2-4 mm. longi, apice apiculati, margine parce crenati. Corolla pallido-rosea; tubus 4,5 cm. longus, basi constrictus 5 mm. latus, apice 20 mm. latus; limbus 3-4 cm. diametro et densiuscule et minute nigrescenti-punctatus. Stamina 4; filamenta 20-25 mm. longa, supra corollae tubi basim 5 mm. affixa. Ovarium glabrum 5 mm. longun; stybus 25 mm. longus. Capsula compresso-tetragona, 4-6 cm. longa 5-7 mm. laty 25 mm. longus.

"West China.—On the Chungtien plateau, Yunnan, in open stony pastures. Lat. 27°-31' N. Alt. 10,000 ft. Plant of 6-12 inches. July 1914." G. Forrest No. 12676.

"Chienchuan, Mekong divide, Yunnan, in openings in thickets and amongst scrub on alpine meadows. Lat. 26°-40′ N. Long. 99°-40′ E. Alt. 11,000–12,000 ft. Plant of 1½–2 ft. July 1922." G. Forrest No. 21526. Also No. 30633.

The Incarvilleas which Forrest collected in Yunnan fall naturally into two groups—those with cauline leaves and those with radical leaves only. In the latter group are I. compacta Maxim. with the flowers shortly peduncled and arising from a rosette of leaves, I. grandifora Bur. et Franch. with the stalk of the single flower well developed, and I. grandiflora Bur. et Franch. var. brevips Sprague with two or occasionally three flowers on the scape. I. Forrestis Fletcher, I. altissima G. Forrest, I. lutea Bur. et Franch., and I. variabilis Batalin comprise the other group, the flowers of which are arranged in racemes. I. Forrestis differs from all others in the simple leaves, I. lutea in the yellow flowers and strongly dentate leaves, I. altissima in the longer raceme and more numerous flowers, and I. variabilis in the compound

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pinnate leaves.